



# Flashes

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## GUATEMALAN EARTHQUAKE

**RELIEF**—Pastor B. L. Archbold, president of the Inter-American Division, reported that as of February 10, the General Conference and the Inter-American Division have sponsored the shipping of more than \$100,000 worth of emergency disaster relief through the Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS). One planeload of supplies was shipped from New York, one from Shreveport, and one from San Francisco. The supplies include more than 350 tents, as well as blankets, bandages, wire splints, kettles, and gas lanterns.

The Loma Linda University sent a team of medical personnel on February 6 who will remain in Guatemala at least one week performing emergency operations and giving medical care.

Robert Folkenberg, president of the Central American Union Mission, has been in contact with church officials via amateur shortwave radio. He reported on Saturday that 15 Seventh-day Adventist nationals have lost their lives so far in the devastation, and the toll may rise as reports come in from the countryside. He reported one heroic story of an Adventist mother who threw herself over her two young children when she saw the walls of their adobe home crumbling. A beam crushed her to death but workers later rescued her children safely from beneath her lifeless body.

Adventists are feeding as many as 5,000 persons two meals a day in Guatemala City. They have had to cut up oil drums, boiling water in them to sterilize the containers, in order to serve the vast number of homeless and hungry.

Contributions are urgently needed to further this relief effort. Send checks (no clothing or supplies) to the Inter-American Division, Guatemalan Relief Fund, P. O. Box 340760, Coral Gables, Florida 33134.

"The REVIEW is a valuable paper; it contains matters of great interest to the church and should be placed in every family of believers."—Testimonies, Vol. 4, p. 598.

## CUC STUDENTS IN REAPING

**CRUSADE**—Two students of Caribbean Union College went out in public evangelism and conducted a three-week reaping crusade at the Richland Park Adventist church, St. Vincent, West Indies. Clinton Valley, a senior in theology, and Bertram Bacchus, a freshman, worked diligently and really felt the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit at work as they saw sixty precious souls baptized. One of the new believers was a faithful tithing Baptist for thirty-two years. She testified that she was so happy to become a part of God's remnant church.

This was Brother Valley's second crusade in six months, which have been instrumental in winning 85 new members.

**LAYMEN** recently held an unusual Bible course graduation service in a Catholic church in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Rep.—*D. Suero*.

**RADIO MINISTRY**—Pastor Santiago Mejia is pictured in front of the microphone in Samana, Dominican Republic as he discusses one of the interesting topics of the *Toward Happiness* series. Due to the quality of the messages and the positive impression given to the listeners, this program is transmitted daily and paid for by the station itself. Many souls have found true happiness in Jesus Christ through this radio ministry.—*Hector Acosta*.



## ORDINATION IN SOUTHEAST MEXICAN CONFERENCE

—On January 7, Israel Gonzalez, a district pastor, was ordained to the gospel ministry. From the Mexican Union were Pastors Samuel Guizar who preached the ordination sermon, Velino Salazar who offered the prayer, and Enrique Gil who gave the charge. The welcome was given by the president of the Southeast Mexican Conference, Pastor Israel Guizar. —*Velino Salazar*.

## FIRST ORDINATION SERVICE IN THE NEW GUYANA CONFERENCE

—On Sabbath, January 17, over a thousand members from all over the Guyana Conference witnessed the impressive ordination service during which R. Mentor was ordained to the gospel ministry. The service was one of the concluding activities of a truly historic conference session. The ordination sermon was preached by George W. Brown, field secretary of IAD. The prayer of ordination was offered by the secretary of IAD, Elder J. H. Figueroa. Also taking part in the service was Elder W. W. Weithers, president of the Caribbean Union, who presented the challenge, and Elder Roy I. McGarrell, the newly elected president of the Guyana Conference, who extended the welcome. Pastor Mentor is presently in charge of the sprawling Essequibo-Pomeroon district of Guyana. In this challenging and difficult district, he had the joy of baptizing over 200 souls during 1975.—*George W. Brown*.

## AN UNFORGETTABLE WEEKEND

It was an unforgettable weekend, Dec. 12 - 14, in Haiti, when it was my pleasure to speak on Friday evening at the Haitian Seminary to the teachers and students. On Sabbath morning I spoke at the large auditorium when nearly 100 persons responded to the appeal at the close of the message. There must have been in the neighborhood of 1,500 persons in attendance. To climax this inspiring day, there was a union evangelistic symposium on Sabbath afternoon, when it was my pleasure to listen to another book of acts. The Lord is really blessing the work in Haiti. Let us pray for their continued success.—*M. G. Nembhard*.



SCENES OF  
ADVENTIST  
RELIEF  
ACTIVITIES  
FOLLOWING  
GUATEMALAN  
EARTHQUAKE.  
LATEST  
REPORTS  
INDICATE  
8 ADVENTIST  
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DESTROYED  
AND 3 SCHOOLS  
BADLY  
DAMAGED.  
HUNDREDS OF  
ADVENTIST FAMILIES HOMELESS. MORE HELP NEEDED.



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## S P E C I A L   F L A S H E S ! !

Dear IAD Family:

I. The earthquake in Guatemala is reported to be the worst disaster so far in the history of the Western Hemisphere.

- \* It was felt over an area of 180 miles.
- \* Since the earthquake on the morning of February 4, there have been more than 536 new quakes.
- \* Death, injury, loss of home, and suffering came to the population of 16 of the 22 states of the country.
- \* It is reported that it will take at least \$60 million for the reconstruction.
- \* The death toll thus far is nearing 25,000.
- \* Injured - 75,000.
- \* Homes destroyed - 255,000.
- \* Homeless - 107 million.
- \* The homeless, and others afraid to enter houses still standing, are suffering because it is cold in Guatemala this season of the year. Sleeping on the streets and among the rubble is causing untold suffering.
- \* As far as is known at present, fifteen SDA members lost their lives.
- \* 450 SDA families lost everything, and are homeless.
- \* Eight SDA churches completely destroyed.
- \* Three SDA schools badly damaged.

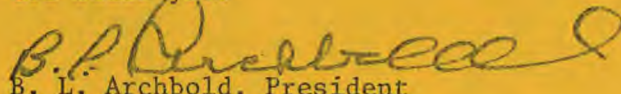
II. WHAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND INTER-AMERICA HAVE DONE AND ARE DOING:

- \* Elder Moctezuma, in charge of Welfare Service for IAD, flew to Guatemala with several thousand dollars, and was on the spot helping to organize relief, a few hours after receiving the news.
- \* Later, Elder Burbank, director of SAWS in the General Conference, flew down to make a personal assessment of the situation.
- \* Within two days, the GC and IAD had three plane loads of relief supplies on their way to Guatemala.

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- \* We shipped large quantities of blankets, tents, milk, cooking oil, multiple-grain cereals, beans, corn, rice, electric generators, Coleman lanterns, cooking utensils--pots, pans, etc.--also anesthesia, sutures, bandages, antibiotics, antitoxin, clothing, sheets, and many other types of supplies.
- \* The initial cost of the first shipment was \$115,000, plus \$25,000 in cash.
- \* SDA families are being given priority, but the SDA Church is helping all in need.
- \* Ten cooking camps have been set up to help feed the suffering victims.
- \* The President of Guatemala has singled out the Seventh-day Adventist organization to take care of certain sections. The SDA Church has come to the forefront because of our prompt response to help relieve the suffering.
- \* The Central American Union is sponsoring the erection of 1,000 moderate homes, 6 x 6 meters, at a cost of \$75.00 per home, to help get the homeless under shelter.
- \* We have just shipped 500 additional tents, and 5,000 more blankets.
- \* We are rushing the erection of a warehouse, 4,000 square feet, to serve as a depot for the relief supplies, food, etc., that must be shipped in continually.
- \* Already the cost of relief shipments and cash has gone up to nearly \$200,000.
- \* This expense is shared equally by the Inter-American Division and the General Conference.
- \* We are acting on your behalf to send help to our dear, suffering church members, and neighbors, in their time of distress and need.
- \* Our funds are depleted and we are depending on our members, our churches, the conferences/missions, unions and institutions throughout the Division to help us take care of suffering humanity in this time of crisis.
- \* Thanks to those organizations that have already sent in to the Division funds toward this need.
- \* The Division has already advanced the funds on your behalf. We know you will not disappoint these dear members of God's family.
- \* Send checks to: Inter-American Division  
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- \* Thanks for what you will send.

God bless you!

  
B. L. Archbold, President

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